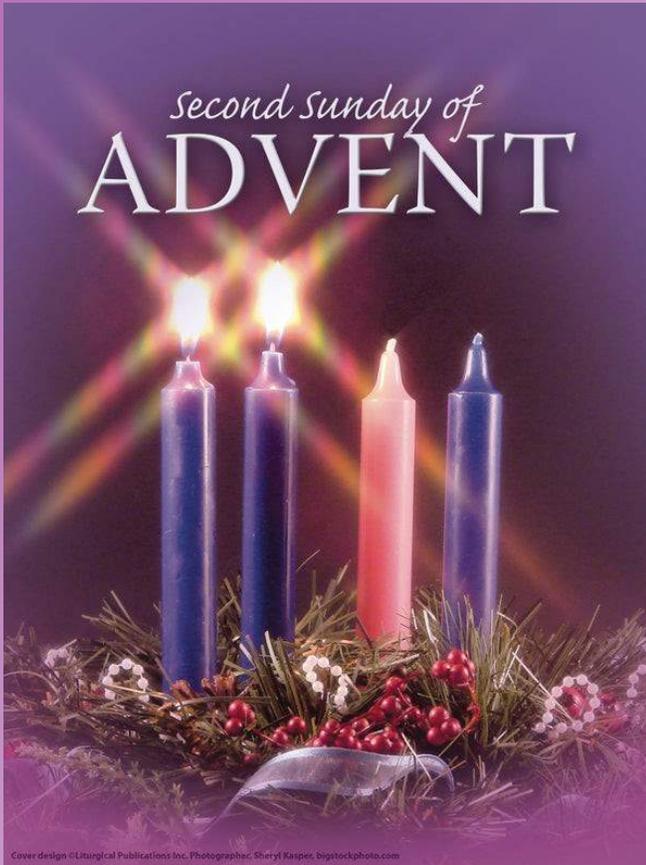


SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1017 JEFFERSON ST * FOLLANSBEE WV

December 10, 2023



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*'A voice of one crying in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight His paths.
Every valley shall be filled, and every
mountain and hill shall be made low.
-Luke 3:4-5*

Sacramental Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00AM &
10:30AM

Weekday Masses

MondayNO Mass
Tuesday 6:00PM
Wednesday7:30AM
Thursday 6:00 PM
Friday7:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass 4:00PM

Confessions: Saturday 3pm-3:30PM or by appointment

Baptism & Marriage: Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to begin Sacramental Preparation and scheduling.

RCIA: Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Prayer Line: Please call Mary Lou Mirasola (304-527-2261) or Mary Catherine Croce (304-527-3150)

Pastor...Rev. Jude Perera, TOR - jperera@dwc.org

Parish Secretary: DeEtta Bertucci -stanthonychurch@comcast.net

Bookkeeper.....Susan Targoss—stanthonychurch@comcast.net

Music DirectorAttilio Boni - 304-670-2745

Sacramental Prep, Adult Formation, RCIA—Fred & Chris Welshans - sacdre@comcast.net

Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry - stanthonysistersdre@comcast.net & stanthonysistersyouth@comcast.net
The Sisters of "The Daughter of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus"

St. Francis Centre Manager.....Jim DeMundo - 304-559-7454

St. Francis Centre - 304-527-1279

Parish Staff & Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30am - 3:30pm
304-527-2286
304-527-2548 (fax)

St. Anthony Catholic Church Mission Statement:

We as a parish family strive to be a vibrant Catholic Community supporting and nurturing each person on his or her faith journey with Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9	4:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 10	8:00 am	Marca Runkel Gaudio +	Req by: the family
Sunday, December 10	10:30 am	Fred Canei +	Req by: Yolanda Canei
Monday, December 11	NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 12	6:00 pm	Dennis (D.J.) McDaniel	Req by: the family
Wednesday, Dec 13	7:30am	Annie Berardi +	Req by: Pam & Rich Ferguson
Thursday, Dec 14	6:00pm	Joseph & Mary Boniey +	Req by: Greg, Emily & Maryelle Olenic
Friday, December 15	6:00pm	Thomas Mains +	Req by: Karen Panza
Saturday, December 16	4:00 pm	Emma Barnebei +	Req by: Elsie Pompa
Sunday, December 17	8:00 am	People of the Parish	
Sunday, December 17	10:30 am	Fred Canei +	Req by: Yolanda Canei

Liturgical Minister Schedule

December 16 & 17

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Minister</u>	<u>Server</u>
4:00pm	Janet McFadden	Chris Manack-Stover	Ed Smurda
8:00am	Jennifer Turbanic	Lynn Wright	Mike Highfield
10:30am	Tina Owen	Anna DiVenanzo	Mary E. Andriano



St. Francis Centre Managers
60th Jubilee—12/2/2023

Prayer Intentions

Penne Buchmelter, Ricky Casini, Lorraine Durante, Suzette Gallagher, Joann Klakos, Susan Kurcina, Marlene Lastoria, Anthony Martino, Bill McFadden, Mary Lou Marisola, Allen Negri, Niko Nemeth, Ed Nutter, Paul Nutter, Juliana Petruccioli, Margaret Duante Rateau, Kelsey Rees, Daniel Taczozza, Natalie Teaff, Alexander Thompson, Marlene Warman Jeff Yost Sr, and Ruth Ann Yost.

*please contact the office to add/remove names

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Friday after 7:30 a.m. Mass



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

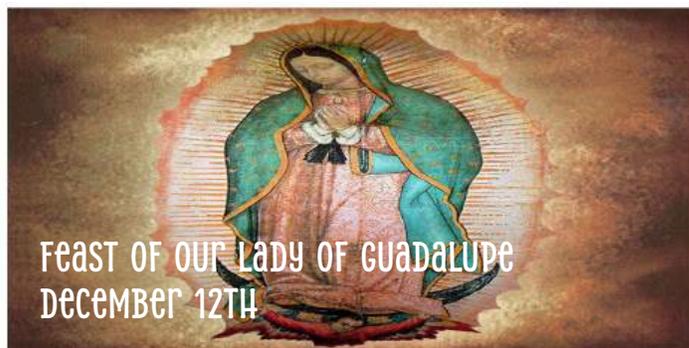
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

“In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.”
- Psalm 4:8



Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of

DJ McDaniel



This lamp will burn from:
December 9 to December 15

Requested by Marie Chiodo

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church, tomorrow, December 11th at 9am. Thank you.

Thank you, Sandy Marshall for your donation to the church.

Thank you to all who donated the baskets for the Jubilee. Thanks to Parish Council and SFC staff, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, Holy Name, choir, counters, Altar & Rosary, & the Finance Committee.

Upcoming Events

- * December Wednesday nights—Encounter Nights
- * December 13—Caroling
- * December 17—Altar & Rosary Christmas Breakfast

Christmas Schedule

December 23: 4pm Mass
 December 24: 9am Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
 December 24: 4pm Christmas Eve Mass (*incense used*)
 December 24: 11:30pm—carols and Midnight Mass (*incense used*)
 December 25: 9am Christmas Day Mass (only Mass of the day) ***There are no 8am & 10:30am Masses on December 24th***

Christmas Memorial Wreaths Four (4) wreaths are available to be donated in memory of a loved one. Wreaths are \$80 each. Two (2) families can sponsor a wreath for \$40 each. Contact the parish office to grab yours.

Nursing Home Christmas Collection - Altar & Rosary is collecting personal care items for Brightwood & Golden Oaks residents for Christmas. Examples of items could include: personal care kits, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, perfume, lotion, cologne, hand wipes, hair brushes, toothpaste/toothbrushes, etc. Please place your items in the containers located near the Church doors. The final day for holiday collection is Sunday, December 17th. Any donation is greatly appreciated especially at Christmas time. As Mother Theresa said, "it is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

St. Anthony's Christmas Spirit—The Jesse Tree envelopes will be posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule by Saturday, December 2, 2023. **Gifts will be due December 17, 2023.** Please leave wrapped gifts with the **numbered side** on the card attached to the gifts in the vestibule after any of the weekend Masses. Gifts will be distributed December 20, 2023.

Christmas Breakfast—The Altar & Rosary Christmas breakfast is open to all parishioners. It will be held in the church hall on Sunday, December 17 following 8am Mass. The cost is \$10 at the door. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Please note the number attending beside your name. The food by Jim DeMundo includes: cheese omelet, sausage, breakfast potatoes, waffle bar, orange juice & coffee. Come & enjoy the holiday fellowship and get a free ticket on our door prizes.

MASS INTENTIONS

For 2024

ARE NOW ACCEPTED!!

All spaces are filled for the 2023 year for both Mass intentions and sanctuary candles. The calendar has opened to schedule Mass intentions for the first quarter of 2024 (**January, February & March**). At that time, sanctuary candles for the entire year will also be scheduled.

Thank you.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

St. Anthony's CSA goal for 2023 is 23,295. We have collected 11,475 from 56 gifts. We are currently at 49% of our goal. Please consider a donation and thank you to those who have already contributed to this appeal.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTION

- **December 25 - Catholic Charities West Virginia**
- **January 21 - Church in the Developing World**

FRIENDLY REMINDER..All Commemorative Mass fees are due before the end of the year. Any unpaid members will be removed for 2024. Contact the office at 304-527-2286 if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

If someone is interested in going to the Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024, please contact Father Jude.

[What is the purpose of the Eucharistic Congress?](#)
 Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of ecclesiastics and laymen for the purpose of celebrating and glorifying the Holy Eucharist and of seeking the best means to spread its knowledge and love throughout the world.

ATTN BELL RINGERS..

Christmas rehearsals will be today, December 10th & December 17th after 10:30am Mass. We will play at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas decorating...The Liturgical Environment Committee is in need of your help to prepare the Church for the Christmas Advent seasons. We need help on: **December 11 @ 5:30pm, December 18 @ 5:30pm, December 24 @11:45am.** Thank you for helping create a prayerful environment for the Christmas season.

DECEMBER 3RD COLLECTION

Offertory	4722.00
Loose Contributions	164.00
Children's Due	2.00
Friday Friends	390.00
Christmas Flowers	474.00
Debt Reduction	60.00
Major Improvements	105.00

Total: 5,917
 Attendance: 189

Thank you for your stewardship! Your generous donations will help to keep our obligations current. Reminder: please use the contribution envelopes provided to ensure the appropriate

Our parish is dedicated to ministering to the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound and those in nursing homes. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion. Please inform the parish staff if you are aware of a member of our community who is seriously ill.